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The Ones To Solve It

We still have the idea that housing problems will be solved by people who want to own homes rather than by politicians who would provide them.—Financial Times (Montreal).

Funny—They Love Us!

An antidote to serious pessimism over the human race is to be found in the fact that dogs and also some other animals think quite a lot of a great many of us.—Hamilton Spectator.

No Jobs In The North

The people of the North are warm-hearted, kind, hospitable! But the country itself its not. The man who comes here with the idea that it will be no worse to be out of work in the North than in the South will soon find this is a mistake. For his own sake, he should have some assurance that he can secure employment before he undertakes the hardship of the journey here and the weather that will greet him on arrival.

Literally thousands of men from the South, the East and the West have found work and opportunity in the prosperous North in recent years. But there is a limit to the power of absorption. That limit was reached some time ago. Surely it is no more than cruel to hold out false hopes—to recommend a Sweepstakes ticket as a sure win.—Timmins Advance.

What Causes the Losses

The losses of the Canadian National Railways are not operating losses. This year, as last year, and the year before that, the Canadian National had a net operating surplus. The loss, and the only loss, is on interest charges. Well, no policy of unification nor of amalgamation would or could reduce a cent of the loss on interest charges. The bondholders would go on collecting their interest. —Ottawa Journal.

"Two Little Words"

Not a right nor a line in the British North America Act is affected by Dominion Government's proposal to put into force unemployment insurance. Merely the two words are added to the constitution, making it clear and definite that the problem is a national one, on which all are agreed. It would certainly seem that the opposition of Alberta, New Brunswick and Quebec to the proposed legislation would be fatuous, if the opposition is pressed.—St. Catharines Standard.

We're All Getting Them

At one time the ownership of an automobile was a sign of wealth. That time is not very long ago, but it has departed definitely now. A survey of the United States and Canada has shown that automobile ownership among families with incomes of less than $30 a week is increasing at the rate of 1,000,000 annually. It is expected that by 1940 two-thirds of the motor cars in the two countries, or more than 15,000,000 of them, will be owned by persons in the less-than-$30 class. —Edmonton Journal.

Do You Like Your Work?

If you do not get any enjoyment out of your daily job, or if you do not get a "kick" out of viewing a piece of work you have done well, then you are not interested in that job and you will not likely make a success of it.

As long as you look upon your daily toil in this way, you will always feel dissatisfied.

Why not experiment? Try a month of actually showing interest in the problems and solutions of the business you are in. You will be pleasantly surprised to note how much your outlook on life will change and how much better satisfied you will be if you will only "make your job interesting."—Kitchener Record.

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Guileless Censor

A friend lately received a letter from her brother, resident in one of the countries now at war. He wrote: "I will not tell you about the war, as our letters are sure to be read." Across the back of the envelope, outside, was officially written: "You are wrong, your letters are not read."—London Times.

To Stop a Stampede

As still higher wages and more paid holidays make jobs in the towns more attractive in this country, so will the present drift from the land become a stampede. How to stop it? Not by saying agriculure is important; not by extolling the charms of country life. We've got to help the farmer to make a job in the country as good as a job in the town. Prosperity passes agriculture by because we do not take prosperity to the countryside. — London Daily Express.

Dog Team Brings Mail From North

First Mail of Winter Taken Out By Priest

Father Duscharme, of the Roman Catholic Mission at Chesterfield Inlet, 350 miles north of Churchill, Manitoba, drove his dog team into Churchill last week with the first mail this winter from points north of Manitoba's port.

Father Duscharme, who expected to return in a week, said the winter was very mild in his area and Eskimos were suffering from a mild form of flu. He also described fur conditions along the Hudson Bay coast as poor but inland 100 to 200 miles they were better.

Carries News of Outpost

Death of a 17-year-old boy in a blizzard at Eskimo Point was revealed by the priest. While the father was away on a trading trip to Churchill the boy left alone on a hunting expedition. When the blizzard broke he lost his way and was found frozen to death.

Father Duscharme said no word had been received at Chesterfield from T. H. Manning of the British Arctic expedition who is alone on Southampton Island in the northern reaches of Hudson Bay. Manning hopes to cross from Southampton Island to the mainland in the spring and journey to Churchill by dog team but the mild weather and poor ice conditions may spoil these plans.

Experts Reveal Rocket Scheme

Plan to Shoot One, 967 Miles Into the Air

A scheme for shooting an exploratory rocket to a height of 967 miles above the earth was unfolded at New York last week before a convention of aeronautical engineers.

Works In Theory

The idea works in theory, Frank J. Malina and A. M. O. Smith, of the California Institute of Technology, said in a paper written for the annual meeting of the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences.

Whether it will work in fact, they added, depends on the efficiency of the rocket and its "motor".

Their proposed rocket would actually consist of three separate rockets, one within the other, to be launched successively.

Reaches High Velocity

"A rocket made up of three steps, respectively of 600, 200 and 100 lbs.," they explained, "the lightest being fired last, reached a calculated altitude of 5,100,000 feet and a maximum velocity of 11,000 miles per hour."

They proposed to launch the rocket from a mountain top to save fuel because the high velocity of flight through dense lower levels of the atmosphere causes fuel to be rapidly eaten up. Once the three-in-one rocket had cleared denser air, they said, it would "coast" to higher altitudes.

The purpose of the proposed experimental flight would be to gain knowledge of meteorological conditions in the uuper atmospheres.

New British Consols Trophy Creates Widespread Interest Among Curlers

Handsome Cup Donated by Macdonald Tobacco Co.

Ontario curlers from the smallest towns and clubs are being given an equal chance with their brother devotees of "besom and stane" to win the new British Consols Trophy this year. This will be emblematical of the Single Rink Curling championship of the Ontario Curling Association and will carry with it the right to represent Ontario in the 12th annual playdowns for the Macdonald's Brier Tankard and the Curling Championship of the Dominion of Canada.

Every one of the other Canadian provinces, and all will be represented at the Macdonald's Brier playdowns which start February 28th at the Granite Club, Toronto, declares its provincial champion by the Bonspiel route. In order to pick the strongest possible rink to represent Old Ontario in the Dominion playdowns, Ontario has been split into eight divisions.

From the divisional games at Kingston, Sarnia, Midland, Toronto, Oshawa, Kitchener, Guelph and London will emerge the eight district champs. On February 23rd the group winners come to Toronto for the Ontario finals. The winner there will receive the new Trophy, presented by the Macdonald Tobacco company, the gold medals which go with it and the right to carry the Ontario banner into the lists for the Macdonald's Brier Tankard. Runners up will be presented with Silver medals.

Since the inauguration of the Macdonald's Brier Tankard play in 1927, Ontario has only once won the Dominion Championship in curling. Western Canada seems to produce the annual winners.

News In Review

World's Greatest Mass Migration

HANKOW, China. — One of the greatest mass migrations in human history has begun from the Yangtse River towns of Central China.

Driven from their homes by Japan's invasion, countless thousands of Chinese are fleeing over the highways and across country deep into the interior. They are travelling on foot, in wheelbarrows, rickshas, on donkeys, and in ox-carts.

On the just-completed 250-mile highway between Hankow and Ichang, one 30-mile long column of these war-sufferers was seen recently. Many were women and children; their pet dogs, cats and birds made a part of the strange procession.

Wants Arms Export Control

OTTAWA. — A bill to provide for control of the shipment of arms and war materials to belligerent countries was given first reading in the House of Commons last week.

The bill was introduced by the Transport Minister, Hon. C. D. Howe, and is an amendment to the Canada Shipping Act. He said it would enable such control to be exercised if and when it was necessary.

The New Princess, Beatrix

AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands. — Princess Juliana's baby has been registered officially and given the first name of Beatrix, chosen because of its meaning, "bringer of happiness and bliss." The full name is Beatrix Wilhelmina Armgard, Princess of Orange and Princess Zur Lippe Biesterfeld.

Protest High Living Costs

LONDON, Eng.—A petition protesting the high cost of living which the Liberals submitted to Parliament this week has been signed by 750,000 persons, Sir Archibald Sinclair, leader of the Liberal Opposition in the House of Commons, announced. The petition is part of the campaign launched by the Liberal party urging a return to free trade.

"Golden Shirts" on Rampage

MATAMOROS, Mexico. — Soldiers and police patrolled the streets this week as new reports reached here that armed bands of Mexican Fascists —"Golden Shirts"—were pillaging and burning railway bridges along the Mexico-Texas border, near Reynosa.

World Radio Conference

CAIRO, Egypt.—King Farouk this week opened the World Conference on international radio, telephone and telegraph communications. Delegates of 62 countries, including Canada, were present to hear the King's brief inaugural speech.

The conference may last for several months, and is to revise radio, telegraph and telephone regulations fixed by the Madrid International Convention of 1932.

"Will Never Compromise"

BARCELONA, Spain. — Premier Juan Negrin told the Spanish Cortes (Parliament) last week the Government would never agree to any compromise with the insurgents.

Due to danger of air raids, the Cortes' first session this year was held in the dining-room of a massive monastery, perched high in the lofty Montserrat Mountains about thirty-five miles from Barcelona.

Wipe Out Terrorists

JERUSALEM.—The second major punitive operation by British soldiers against Arab terrorists within the past year, was under way in the Jenin area, about twenty miles northeast of Nablus, this week.

Battalions of the Ulster Rifles and the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment, aided by five military planes, attempted to wipe out a strong band of terrorists in the mountains.

Soviet Navy Ready

MOSCOW.—The revitalized Soviet Navy is prepared "to crush the enemy wherever and whenever necessary," Navy Commissar Peter A. Smirnoff declared this week in open warning to "rapacious Fascist" powers.

The newspaper Pravda, prominently displaying Smirnoff's account of Moscow's new naval strength, declared that the United States expanded armament program constituted a firm answer to all aggressor nations.

First Sea Lord

LONDON, Eng.—The Admiralty this week announced appointment of Admiral Sir Roger Backhouse to be Lord Commissioner of the Admiralty and Chief of the Naval Staff. The appointment carries with it the post of First Sea Lord.

Sir Roger, who has been Commander-in-Chief of the Home Fleet, succeeds Admiral of the Fleet Lord Chatfield, who has been First Sea Lord since 1933.

War Will Set Back Japan $3,000,000,000

TOKYO.—Japan's fighting forces last week prepared a budget estimated as high as $1,800,000,000 to carry on the conflict with China for another year.

This, with previous appropriations, would bring to approximately $3,000,000,000 the cost to Japan of the first 18 months of the war which started last July.

Foreign Minister Hirota told Parliament the indemnity to be exacted from China will include both reparations usually paid "a conquering nation" and compensation for property and business losses suffered by Japanese.

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News Parade

Commentary on the Highlights of the Week's News . . . by Peter Randal.

PEACE WITH ITALY: Fresh moves are under way to bring about better relations between Great Britain and Italy. Mussolini, to tell the truth, is hard-pressed for cash, having spent enormous sums in Ethiopia, and is looking for a little financial help from John Bull. Britain, apparently, will be glad to lend the money if for nothing else than to restore peace in the Mediterranean, but Italy first will have to comply with certain conditions: cease anti-British propaganda among the Arabs in the Near East; withdraw "volunteers" from Spain.

Again there are wheels within wheels. Italy will not fulfill these requirements unless Britain first recognizes the Italian conquest of Ethiopia and consents to call the King of Italy, "Emperor".

TO RESCUE CHINA?: If a rumor that armies from Outer Mongolia, a highly insulated country between Soviet Siberia and China, are advancing to the aid of the Chinese armies turns out to be true, it means the beginning of the end for Japan. The army of Mongols is reported to number 250,000 men, all mounted; their highly mechanized equipment has come from Russia and they are skilled in the most up-to-date military procedure.

Outer Mongolia is at once under the suzerainty of China and the protection of the Soviet Union, can fight in self-defense against the Japanese without involving the neutrality of Russia.

The Mongol armies are in a position to make short shrift of the long-drawn-out Japanese lines in the north of China, and to deliver body blows at the Japanese Empire.

THE MORAL OF IT: A Cleveland thug who had been eating onions held up a taxi-driver. Nabbed by the police a few minutes later, he was taken to the station and held pending identification. The taximan supplied the clue of the onion breath. It was the same thug.

The moral is . . . .

75,000 MORE HOMES: A member of the housing commission headed by Hon. Herbert A. Bruce, Mr. David Sheppard, expert in housing problems, declared in a public address last week at Toronto that Canada needs 75,000 more homes. "If we don't put the money into home construction now," Mr. Sheppard said, "the slum problem will soon reach the proportions seen in many United States cities. It will then cost us $250 a year to keep each family in the slums. We pay for our slums in increased costs of hospitalization, police and fire protection, social service and upkeep of mental institutions and jails."

The slum menace multiplies day by day. And it isn't in Canada's larger cities alone . . . . our smallest of towns has its disgraceful habitations, hovels.

We'll have to face the fact that something has to be done, and that right speedily.

BRIDGE GOES OUT: The biggest news story to break in Canadian press circles for many years was the threatened collapse, and later, the actual buckling of Niagara's famous "Honeymoon Bridge." News photographers went to town on it, picture engravers did a land-office business, newspaper circulation figures soared. Over the week-end, too, railways and highways carried armies of sightseers to "X" marks the spot.

While the people of Ontario sat quietly in their homes reading the evening paper, Hydro officials were shaking in their shoes at the prospect of an acute power shortage which would cut off electric light service in Western Ontario and cause an unprecedented industrial tie-up if the plant at Queenston were any further damaged by the ice-jam. The Ontario Power Company plant just below the Falls was already a wreck.

With the dropping of the wind and colder weather again, the danger passed and headlines stopped screaming at us from front pages of the dailies.

Could the situation have been avoided? No, says a well known engineering expert, declaring that once an ice-jam of such magnitude collects, there is nothing you can do about it. The bridge, constructed over 40 years ago of a type of steel greatly inferior to the alloy steels used today, was generally conceded to be obsolete anyway.

HIT AT SANCTIONS: One by one the League of Nations' teeth are being pulled out and its bite made more and more harmless. Sanctions, its most effective weapon in dealing with an aggressor country by denying that country the essentials of war-making, have never really been enforced. An attempt made to put a curb on Italy when she first invaded Abyssinia in 1935 was arrested halfway by the objections of various nations, and was not carried to its logical conclusion. Italy got away with murder right in the face of the League Covenant, as Japan had done three years before in seizing Manchukuo.

Now, small nations represented in the League are calling for the abandonment of its system of obligatory sanctions, saying that the League can no longer wield punitive power or enforce collective security when three big powers, Japan, Italy and Germany, are on the outside.

The general attitude seems to be "The League is dying . . . . let her go!" . . . . but, puzzle: who killed the League?

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